

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 11 and 13-20 have been withdrawn from consideration. The ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE has been amended to comply with proper procedure.

Claims 1-10 and 12 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of copending Application No. 10/771,651. Filed concurrently herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer that overcomes this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

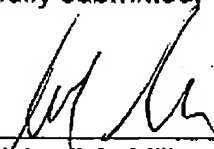
Claims 1-10 and 12 further stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The claims have been amended consistent with the Examiner's suggestions. As such, the claims are now definite. Further, structure Ib of claim 9 has been corrected. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In claims 4, 5 and 8 the Office Action states that C₄ or C₅ aryls are not possible alleging that "the smallest aryl ring possible is a C₆." *See page 4 of the Office Action.* However, it is respectfully submitted that the definition of "aryl" set forth in the instant specification is definite to one of skill in the art and includes the structures as claimed. The Examiner's attention is drawn to page 4, beginning with line 18 of the specification where the Applicants have set forth the definition of "aryl." This section states that an aryl compound can be a heteroaromatic radical having 5-14 framework carbon atoms where at least one framework carbon atom may be substituted by hereroatoms. *See page 4, lines 18-23 of the Specification.* Further, hereroatoms can include nitrogen, sulphur, or oxygen. Attached is the IUPAC definition of "aryl groups" as well as the definition for "heteroarenes." Based on these definitions and the definition recited in the specification, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would understand the instantly claimed compounds to include those compounds that have a heteroatom in place of a carbon atom thus having less than six carbons while still maintaining the aromatic properties. It is also understood that these compounds can be generically called "aryls." As such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-10 and 12 are now in condition for allowance.
A prompt response to this Amendment in the form of a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited.

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